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Shelley Announces Appointment to Voting Modernization Board

SACRAMENTO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that he has appointed Los Angeles attorney Stephen Kaufman to serve on the Voting Modernization Board, which was created by the voter-approved Proposition 41 at the March 5, 2002 primary election. Then Assembly Majority Leader Kevin Shelley was the author of the legislation that placed Proposition 41 on the ballot.

“Stephen Kaufman is considered an expert in virtually every aspect of California's electoral process,” said Secretary Shelley. “His knowledge and unique insight on election reform will prove invaluable as counties throughout California begin transitioning to new, updated voting systems.”

Stephen Kaufman is a founding partner of Smith Kaufman LLP, a Los Angeles law firm specializing in campaign finance, election law and government ethics. Mr. Kaufman is an expert on election procedures and recounts, and recently served as Chief Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Democratic Caucus Special Committee on Election Reform. Previously, he served as a recount attorney for the Gore-Lieberman campaign in Florida during the 2000 Presidential post-election campaign.

Mr. Kaufman obtained a B.A. in Political Science from UCLA and received his law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. He serves as Secretary of the California Political Attorneys Association and is active in the California Political Treasurers' Association. He also serves on the Board of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles Education Fund.

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